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Letter of Appeal Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket No. 02-6 and 96-45

Request for Waiver

RE: Denial of FRNs

Applicant: Agra Independent School District 134

Billed Entity #: 140338

Form 471 Applications #: 461976 and 462020

Funding Requests #: 1269425, 1269431, 1269447, 1269459, 1269469, 1269961, 1280236,

1269926, 1269929

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to appeal decisions by the SLD to deny funding for the above referenced FRNs and Form 471 applications. These Funding Requests pertain to both Priority 1 and Priority 2 Services from multiple service providers.

The reason given for the denial is: "The FRN references a Form 470 which has not been certified."

We have not been able to find the certified mail registration card that would confirm our efforts to certify this form. However, not only do we believe that the 470 certification pages were submitted, but we believe that the 470s showed certified when we completed our 471 application. Our 471 applications which determine the actual funding requests were certified.

In addition, we have gone through multiple PIA processes and even a compliance review on these 471 applications and FRNs. We would have expected someone to mention that the 470 was not certified at the time of these activities.



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We are requesting that the decision on our funding requests be reconsidered based on the other events surrounding these funding requests.

We have a high poverty level in our student population and community. Not receiving this funding assistance, especially for the Priority 1 Services puts our school district at a major economic disadvantage and will make us less able to service the educational needs of our students.

This appeal has been previously submitted to USAC Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), but was summarily rejected because we missed our 60 day window for filing an appeal by a few days. During the window between receiving our Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) for these funding requests and submitting the appeal letter, we were in contact with the SLD multiple times trying to resolve this issue. We are a small school and I have a single person trying to keep up with all E-rate filing plus take care of technology coordination and treasury duties.

Further, our appeal decision letter was issued on May 19, 2006, which happened to be the day that FCC Order 06-54 was released. I believe in reviewing this Order that it fits our situation exactly and should provide relief to our school in the same manner that it is helping others.

We respectfully request that you consider this appeal. The E-rate program has helped bring resources to our students that would otherwise not be possible. We desperately need your help to maintain these valuable learning tools.

Please contact me if you need additional information to evaluate this request.

Sincerely,

Wes McFarland

Superintendent of Schools

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